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RESOLUTION # 2007-13

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NEED TO REASSESS REAL PROPERTY IN OHIO COUNTY, INDIANA AS OF MARCH 1, 2006

WHEREAS, the Department of Local Government Finance (Department) is charged with maintaining a just and equitable valuation of real property throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department finds the accurate assessment of real property to be an indispensable requirement for a fair and equitable system of property taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Department has adopted 50 IAC 21, an administrative rule that requires the annual adjustment of all property values in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-4.5 beginning with the March 1, 2006 assessment; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide analysis of gross assessed values on all classes of industrial parcels revealed that one hundred percent (100%) of these parcels had no change or a decline in assessed values from the 2005 assessment year to the 2006 assessment year; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide analysis of gross assessed values on all classes of commercial parcels revealed that sixty-eight percent (68%) of these parcels had no change or a decline in assessed values from the 2005 assessment year to the 2006 assessment year; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Ohio County
Assessor indicated that assessments on industrial property in certain townships may be
inaccurate or inequitable, specifically:

- a) There were zero (0) reported sales for improved industrial property county-wide; and
- b) There were zero (0) sales reported for unimproved industrial property county-wide; and
- c) It is unknown if information other than sales, as specified in 50 IAC 21-5-2(b), was utilized in the annual adjustment process; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Ohio County

Assessor indicated that assessments on commercial property in certain townships may be inaccurate or inequitable, specifically:

- a) There were three (3) reported sales for improved commercial property county-wide; and
- b) There were three (3) sales reported for unimproved commercial property county-wide; and
- c) It is unknown if information other than sales, as specified in 50 IAC 21-5-2(b), was utilized in the annual adjustment process; and

WHEREAS, upon review of all available data, the Department hereby finds compelling evidence of assessment errors and concludes that sufficient cause exists to justify further investigation into the reassessment of real property in Ohio County, Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Department that there is sufficient cause to believe it necessary to reassess real property in Ohio County, Indiana for the March 1, 2006, assessment date in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a public hearing on this Resolution and the reassessment of Ohio County, Indiana for the March 1, 2006, assessment date shall be

held at the Ohio County Courthouse in compliance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-9. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-10.

| PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Department of Local Government of the State |
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| of Indiana on this the 17th day of Systember, 2007. |
| Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Commissioner Department of Local Government Finance Finothy J. Ruskenberg, General Coursel Department of Local Government Kinance |
| State of Indiana) SS: County of Marion) |
| Before me, a Notary Public for Marion County, Indiana, personally appeared the foregoing signatories, who being first duly sworn, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Resolution and stated that any representations contained therein are true. |
| Witness by hand and Notarial Seal this 172 day of September, 2007. Marian R Johnson Signature |
| Maureen RJohnson Printed Name |
| am a resident of Marion County, Indiang. |
| My commission expires: May 9, 2009. |
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